



Experience Hope

Agape Meal Service 16 August 2020

Glorify Christ's name



Our Vision:

**To be a loving and growing community
released and empowered to join in God's work
of proclaiming and demonstrating the good news
to Egham and beyond**

Pre-Service Song:

Please have bread and Wine/Juice ready for our Agape Meal

Welcome

Opening Hymn:

Come down, O Love divine,

Seek Thou this soul of mine

And visit it with Thine own ardour glowing;

O Comforter, draw near,

Within my heart appear,

And kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,

Till earthly passions turn

To dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;

And let Thy glorious light

Shine ever on my sight,

And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity

Mine outward vesture be,

And lowliness become mine inner clothing;

True lowliness of heart,

Which takes the humbler part,

And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
With which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace,
Till he become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.

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Confession

Prayers of Confession

Christ came in humility to share our lives:
forgive our pride.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ came with good news for all people:
forgive our silence.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ came in love to a world of suffering:
forgive our self-centredness.

Lord, have mercy.

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Absolution

The almighty and merciful Lord
grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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Amen.

We Worship Him Together

Blessed be Your name

In the land that is plentiful,
Where Your streams of abundance flow,
Blessed be Your name.

And blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness,
Blessed be Your name.

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in,
Lord, still I will say:

Blessed be the name of the Lord,

Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord,

Blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name

When the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's all as it should be,
Blessed be Your name.

And blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering,
Blessed be Your name.

You give and take away,
You give and take away.
Our hearts will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name

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There is a hope that burns within my heart,
That gives me strength for every passing day;
A glimpse of glory now revealed in meagre part,
Yet drives all doubt away:
I stand in Christ, with sins forgiven;
And Christ in me, the hope of heaven!
My highest calling and my deepest joy,
To make His will my home.

There is a hope that lifts my weary head,
A consolation strong against despair,
That when the world has plunged me in its deepest pit,
I find the Saviour there!
Through present sufferings, future's fear,
He whispers 'courage' in my ear.
For I am safe in everlasting arms,
And they will lead me home.

There is a hope that stands the test of time,
That lifts my eyes beyond the beckoning grave,
To see the matchless beauty of a day divine
When I behold His face!
When sufferings cease and sorrows die,
And every longing satisfied.
Then joy unspeakable will flood my soul,
For I am truly home.

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O church arise and put your armour on

Hear the call of Christ our Captain
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given
With shield of faith and belt of truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies
An army bold whose battle cry is Love
Reaching out to those in darkness

Our call to war to love the captive soul
But to rage against the captor
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valour
When faced with trials on every side
We know the outcome is secure
And Christ will have the prize for which He died
An inheritance of nations

Come see the cross where love and mercy meet
As the Son of God is stricken
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet
For the Conqueror has risen
And as the stone is rolled away
And Christ emerges from the grave
This victory march continues till the day
Every eye and heart shall see Him

So Spirit come put strength in every stride
Give grace for every hurdle
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful
As saints of old still line the way
Retelling triumphs of His grace
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in glory

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Reading: 1 Peter 4:12–19 By Geoff Martin

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon by Jörg Haustein

Response Song:

Father of kindness You have poured out grace
You brought me out of darkness
You have filled me with peace
Giver of mercy You're my help in time of need
Lord I can't help but sing

*Faithful You are
Faithful forever You will be
Faithful You are
All Your promises are Yes and Amen
All Your promises are Yes and Amen*

Beautiful Saviour You have brought me near
You pulled me from the ashes
You have broken ev'ry curse
Blessed Redeemer You have set this captive free
Lord I can't help but sing

*Faithful You are
Faithful forever You will be
Faithful You are yes You are
All Your promises are Yes and Amen*

I will rest in Your promises
My confidence is Your faithfulness
(REPEAT)

All Your promises are Yes and Amen
All Your promises are Yes and Amen

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Intercessions by Taliesin Lyth

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

We Remember Jesus

The Lord is right where you are
His Spirit is with us.

Let us remember the story of our redemption

It was an ordinary room like many in Jerusalem.
It had been prepared, as Jesus had instructed,
for a meal of flat bread, lamb, bitter herbs and wine
that every Jewish home was having on that Passover night.
In that sense this was an ordinary event.
But for the one who had been pointed out
as the Lamb of God who takes away
the sin of the world, this was no ordinary event.
For him it was to be his last supper with his friends
and for him it was an enactment of what was to come.

It was when he took bread that an ordinary Passover meal
became an extraordinary event.

After giving thanks to God for the bread,
he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying:

“This is my body, which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

**With hearts burning and hands trembling,
the disciples took the bread and ate it...**

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine and said:
“This cup is the new covenant
between God and his people
an agreement written with my blood,
which is poured out as a sacrifice for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins”.

Drink this, he said in remembrance of me...

**With hearts burning and hands trembling,
the disciples took the wine and drank it...**

As we eat this bread and drink this wine,
let us pray for the Holy Spirit to come
to bless our memorial of Jesus –
our Lord, our friend, our brother, our King and our Saviour...

I invite you to share in this Agape Meal in your homes and as
you do, take a moment to reflect on what you are
remembering/what stood out to you in particular, then either
now or later you could share this with someone else so you can
encourage each other? As we do, the Worship Team will
minister to us in song...

Ministry Song

May the peace of God our heav'nly Father

And the grace of Christ the risen Son

And the fellowship of God the Spirit

Keep our hearts and minds within His love

*And to Him be praise for His glorious reign
From the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain
Christ eternal the King of kings*

May this peace which passes understanding
And this grace which makes us what we are
And this fellowship of His communion
Make us one in spirit and in heart

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Closing Prayers and Blessing

Final Hymn:

O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder

Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;

And when I think that God His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die-I scarce can take it in.
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin:

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home - what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

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Dismissal

Go to your community (virtual or physical)
and tell them how much the Lord has done for you
and how he has had mercy on you.

By the Spirit's power, we will.

(cf. Mark 5.19)